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LABOR ISSUES.

One of our idolatrous contemporaries lately chucked a triumphal paragraph at the Advertiser because Parks, the convicted walking delegate, had been sustained by a few labor unions in New York against Buchanan, a bright American labor advocate, and his conservative followers, who discard proletarian models.

Recent news from the Eastern States explains the short-lived success. The foreign immigration, mainly concentrating at New York, and then distributed to industrial centers, is estimated for the current year at a million bodies, with a small percentage of souls. The riff-raff of Europe, embracing the class of criminal anarchists that trained the maniac who recently attempted President Roosevelt's life, as soon as they arrive are drafted into the class of labor unions, in which the influence of Parks and his allies in blackmail is predominant, and there they exercise the privilege of voting in absolute ignorance and submission. The true victory was on the side of Buchanan and his associates who are American in character and purpose.

There is other news from the mainland equally interesting and illustrative. Some months ago, a speaker at Metropolitan Hall in San Francisco, addressing himself to labor unions, uttered this atrocious proposition: "Remember that no man in the United States has a right to invest a dollar in business except by your consent and on your conditions." The most recent attempt to practicalize this sentiment was in the case of the California Northwestern Railway, an important corporation that has cultivated the most equitable and pleasant relations with its employees. When, however, in a matter of promotion, it was instructed by a labor union to discriminate in favor of a union man, it refused to accede and adhered to its settled policy of employing and promoting wage-earners, on their individual merits and without reference to their membership or non-membership in labor societies. The result was a strike, which was followed by the cutting of the telegraph wires, over which train orders and information are transmitted. Under the California law, train wrecking is punishable, at the option of a jury, by death or imprisonment for life, and, in the case in question, nearly every element of this terrible crime was necessarily included.

Outrages by a small criminal minority of unionized laborers and mechanics have produced in New York a determined movement, which has a fair prospect of success, for legislation to prevent strikes and to compel the submission of labor controversies to official arbitration. The functions of walking delegates will cease, when both lockouts and strikes are prohibited, and when statutory law supersedes the writ of injunction, through which only temporary and incomplete relief has thus far been secured.

Labor is properly strengthening its position all over the world, but many of the existing organizations have to be modified, purged of mercenary, corrupt, and criminal elements, divested of arbitrary features and brought into harmony with American institutions, before muscle and skill combined and associated will constitute an effective part of our system. Even in Australia, the Labor Party, which has been managed with comparative moderation and purity, has become so autocratic in its methods and has so enormously increased salaries and the expenses of government that radical changes in its internal economy are not only proposed but demanded.

In the United States all the legitimate demands of labor and of capital will be freely conceded, but neither can successfully control the government, which represents a mass of human beings, compared to which all existing combinations are a bagatelle, and both, as the events of the past two years have shown, will be compelled to submit to order, guaranteed by law, and, if and when necessary, enforced by executive power.

It is a pity that the Territory feels obliged to spend large sums in dredging harbors which are under the jurisdiction and in the care of the United States. We believe that a claim should be made upon Congress for every cent so laid out. Otherwise, seeing Hawaii's willingness to relieve the Federal government of a burden, Congress is not likely to put an Hawaiian item into the River and Harbor bill for long years to come.

The Protet is welcome to port once more. She is a good ship well manned and is a credit to the war marine of the great republic whose tri-color she floats.

The esteemed Maui News is running Kepoikai for Governor. If the Treasury will insert a few more "By Authority" ads the News will run him for President.

JAPAN'S GAME OF EXPANSION.

The impression brought back from the Far East by Col. George W. Macfarlane that Japan was playing for Korea and would willingly leave Manchuria to Russia if given way and room in the Hermit Kingdom, is borne out by such news from the Russo-Japanese negotiation as the cable is permitted to collect.

The other day it was stated that Japan would send two regiments to Korea to "protect her interests," an item which was followed by the official statement from St. Petersburg that Russia "does not consider the Japanese dispatch of troops an unfriendly act." All this seems highly significant in view of yesterday's news that a Japanese fleet had arrived at one of the Korean ports, and that negotiations are in progress which will not only remove the objections of Japan to Russia's continued presence in Manchuria, "but will concede Japan a foothold in Korea."

No one need be surprised to hear that the Japanese fleet has taken formal possession of the Hermit Kingdom and that Russia has served due notice on the powers, copying Great Britain's action in regard to Egypt, that she will occupy Manchuria indefinitely.

MORE SEA ACCOMMODATIONS.

The news that the steamers Gaelic, Doric and Coptic are to be taken off the trans-Pacific run and replaced by liners flying the American flag is highly satisfactory to Honolulu.

Not that there is anything the matter with the White Star steamers in the speed and comforts they provide, but that, as British vessels, they are subtracted from the sum of our ferry facilities between here and San Francisco. They cannot do business between two American ports.

With American liners instead there will not only be travel room enough for Honolulu travellers but for tourists. Just now the best accommodations are crowded. More steamers are needed for our convenience and it is gratifying to know that we are going to get them.

The National Women's Temperance Union has begun a campaign for the expulsion of Reed Smoot from the United States Senate. The grounds hitherto stated are that Smoot belongs to the Mormon church, though it ought to be apparent to the W. C. T. U., that his right to belong to it or to any other religious body is not restrained by law and that such membership cannot be regarded as a reason for depriving him of civil rights. Of course if the W. C. T. U. could prove Smoot a polygamist he would have to go the way of Roberts but it is known that he has but one wife and is, in all domestic respects, a creditable citizen.

Leo XIII. was a King; Pius X. regards himself as a President and has broken down most of the great royal traditions of the Papacy. It is likely, if he lives, that peace will be made with the Italian government and that the Supreme Pontiff will leave Rome at his pleasure and take part in the great functions of the church all over Europe and possibly in America.

Sol. Berliner, Consul.

Sol Berliner, the present American Consul at Tenerife, Canary Islands, was a political pupil of New York's "Wicked" Gibbs, and his appointment is the result of the ex-Senator's propensity for perpetrating practical jokes.

In his usual serious way he asked Mr. Berliner whether he would prefer to go as Consul to Dahomey or the Canary Islands. Mr. Berliner, who is musical, promptly said he would like the home of the song birds.

A petition was drawn up by Mr. Gibbs with much flourish, recounting in sophomoric style the eminent fitness of Mr. Solomon Berliner to fill the office of Consul at Tenerife. All the big Republicans from Senator Platt down signed it, some adding: "Sol is all right, if the island can support him."

Mr. Berliner was duly appointed and when Mr. Gibbs and his friends informed him of the great honor conferred, the new Consul asked what was the amount of the annual salary or fees.

"About \$150," came in chorus from the joker's friends.

The new Consul gasped, and finally said he would accept and do his duty. It should be added that Mr. Berliner has made an efficient Consul, has increased the trade between this country and the islands and receives a good salary.—New York Sun.

Death of Mrs. Desky.

Charles S. Desky received a cablegram yesterday morning announcing the death of his wife in Oakland, California. Although she had been an invalid for many years, the sad news was unexpected. By last mail Mr. Desky received a letter from his daughter Flossie, saying she thought her mother was somewhat better. Owing to poor health, Mrs. Desky had lived in California most of the time since 1898. Her health broke down through nervous prostration over the death of her son Harry, aged seven years, in Germany in 1898. Mr. and Mrs. Desky came to Honolulu in 1894, since when Mr. Desky has been closely identified with the progress of the city. He and his daughter have the universal sympathy of the community in their affliction.

NO BAD FAITH OF THE MILITARY

After all the noise made about the non-production by Chief Justice Frear of correspondence between General MacArthur and himself, in the case of the three soldiers who were not returned to be tried or discharged under indictment for burglary, it transpired yesterday that Chief Justice Frear has not had the correspondence in his hands since the conference on the matter in the Governor's office before the present Circuit Court term opened.

It appears also that the correspondence shows that General MacArthur, in a very kind and polite letter, offered to return the soldiers if the Territory insisted. Chief Justice Frear, as the complaining witness, had previously expressed a willingness to withdraw the prosecution providing the Circuit Court and the Attorney General consented.

In a conference between the Chief Justice, Attorney General Andrews and Judge De Bolt—Judges Gear and Robinson being out of town—it was decided that, in view of General MacArthur's letter, it would seem like spite work to bring their cases merely to have their cases nolle prossed. Chief Justice Frear then replied to General MacArthur, stating that the matter would be adjusted without requiring the presence of the defendants.

The missing correspondence is therefore important as showing that the Federal military authorities committed no breach of word or faith in the matter. As to the letters, they must have become buried among loose papers upon the executive council table.

A. C. GEHR UPSET OVER AN OLD BOX

While the members of the Board of Agriculture were waiting in the Governor's outer office, until a stranger calling on the Governor in the inner office should retire, on Monday afternoon, there was a scene that ended with a smile all around when the chief actor had departed. Besides the members of the board there were present several visitors to the meeting, Forester W. L. Hall of Washington and President Griffiths of Oahu College.

Suddenly A. C. Gehr strode in and advanced to Private Secretary Hawes's table. There he turned to face the company and said something in dramatic tones about Superintendent H. E. Cooper's having refused to give him a statement regarding the condition of a certain box of maps and papers.

Mr. Cooper replied that the box was there, meaning his office downstairs, and Mr. Gehr was welcome to it whenever he chose.

"I refuse to receipt for the box in its present condition," Mr. Gehr declared.

"You can do as you please about that," Mr. Cooper rejoined. "The box is in the same condition as I found it." "Not exactly in the same condition," Mr. Gehr said. "When it was left in the Public Works department it was locked and sealed."

It appears the box contained Kohala ditch documents and was left with the Governor by Mr. Gehr two years ago. When applied for on Monday, it was found among other things stored in a basement closet. Mr. Gehr, so far as known, has made no complaint that anything is missing from the receptacle.

To Deepen Channel.

Tenders for dredging the first section of Honolulu harbor channel, 1200 feet inward from the ocean, will be received at the Department of Public Works up to noon of October 31. The entire channel is to be deepened by sections to 24 feet and widened to 240 feet. Originally, about thirteen years ago, it was dredged to a depth of 30 feet and a width of 200 feet, but since then it has silted up considerably. With the increased dimensions now to be made, the largest ocean vessel may enter with perfect safety. Superintendent Cooper adopted the scheme of having the dredging done in sections to fit the conditions of the treasury.

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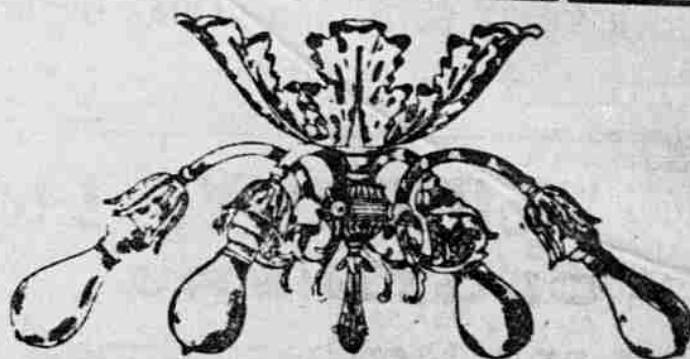
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